

Amendments to the Specification

*Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:*

[0011] In addition, numerous patents disclose the use of EVA based foamable materials for various unrelated applications. For example, U.S. Patent No. 6,114,004 to Cydzik et al. and U.S. Patent Nos. 6, 107,574, 5,979,902, and 5,931,434 to Chang et al., which are all owned by the assignee of the present application, disclose the use of sealing articles comprising a driver and a sealer in which the driver and sealer are EVA based foamable compositions. The sealing articles are useful in sealing cavities in automobile frame channels and substrates such as electrical conductors and optical fibers. While the foamable compositions of Chang et al. and Cydzik et al. may be able to withstand elevated temperatures for relatively short periods of time, the foam structure in these compositions would collapse on prolonged exposure to elevated temperatures for an ~~and~~ extended period of time, such as 140°C for 2000 hours. Also, the useful time-temperature window for installation of these compositions is very narrow because exposure to high temperatures results in grossly non-uniform cell structure. Furthermore, these foamable compositions would not be able to withstand exposure to commonly encountered hot and humid storage conditions, such as 45°C at 80% relative humidity for one week.

*Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:*

[0013] PCT Patent Application No. WO 97/47681 discloses a reversibly deformable pressure sensitive adhesive foam comprising an EVA copolymer and an expandable particulate material comprising a polymeric shell and a volatizable ~~volitizable~~ fluid or gas core. The disclosed pressure sensitive adhesive foam is useful for decorative trim pieces on automotive bodies, appliances, home and office furnishings and equipment. The disclosed foam would not be suitable for use in securing glass lamps to bases, as the underlying technology and normal applications for such foams are entirely different than that of the present invention. As a result, the pressure sensitive adhesive foam is not designed for and would not be capable of withstanding prolonged exposure to elevated temperatures, *i.e.*, 140° C for 2000 hours, as required by IEC standards.

*Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:*

[0017] Referring now to the Figures, where like numerals denote like elements of the invention, Figure 1 is a partial cross-sectional view of a generally cylindrically shaped lamp base 1 and a side elevational view of one end of a cylindrically shaped glass lamp 3. The

glass lamp and base form the components of a lamp assembly. As shown in Figures 1 and 11, the lamp base 1 has a top 5 and a generally cylindrical sidewall 7 terminating at the top 5 and at a lower rim 9. The sidewall 7 of the base 1 further has an interior surface 11 and an exterior surface 13. The top 5 and the sidewall 7 form a cavity 2 for receiving the glass lamp 3. The lamp base 1 further has an inner diameter A and an outer diameter B. Hollow cylindrical electrical contacts 15 extend from and through the ~~top~~ bottom 5 of the base 1. The lamp bases are usually formed from steel copper, alloy, brass, stainless steel, aluminum, and the like.